

REMARKS

Claims 24-27 and 34 are currently pending. Claims 1-23, 28-33, and 35-36 are cancelled. The previously allowed claims 24, 25 and 34 were rejected over 35 USC §112, ¶2, in view of 35 USC §112, ¶6. However, pending claims 24-27 and 34 are amended into method claims. Therefore, the rejections are now moot. It is submitted that the present method claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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